



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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HEAD'S NOTES

SOME DIARY DATES

01-03-18: Open Classrooms 4.15pm-5.00pm.

03-10-18: Individual and sibling group photographs for all children.

05-10-18: Harvest Festival Mass.

24-01-18: Break up for Half Term

05-11-18: TD Day

06-11-18: Return to school for Term 2.

Car Park

The drop off zone, if you choose to use it, is the area that is marked with cross hatching in yellow, not the other lanes.

Thank you.

Young Voices

Transport – just a reminder to please leave your details with the office if you are interested in shared bus transport to the concert

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another week at school and there have been so many things to celebrate. I have had numerous opportunities to thank individual children for kindness to others, positive learning behaviour and leadership. Wherever I go: into classrooms, onto the playground, in the lunch hall, assemblies and PE lessons, I see children with positive attitudes and a desire to learn.

I have been working closely with the Local Authority, this week, to finalise the Post Inspection Action Plan, which must be submitted to Ofsted by Monday 1st October. Once Ofsted have responded that it is 'Fit for purpose', I will be able to share it with you. It is a very thorough document, which gives clearly defined time frames and success criteria, to show impact in each area. At the end of each half –term we will undergo a School Effectiveness Review (SER), conducted by the Local Authority, which challenges the Senior Leadership Team and Governors to provide evidence of the improvements the school has made. This is a very rigorous process, which demonstrates the progress and impact of actions, but also holds Leaders to account if progress has not been made. The first two SERs have already been booked for Term 1 and 2. Local Authority advisors are already working with the school to provide targeted support and challenge with Leadership, Teaching and Learning and Assessment.

Next week, we have individual photos on Wednesday and there is the opportunity for any Pre-school children to be photographed with their older siblings. We will be celebrating our Harvest Mass on Friday morning, when we give thanks for our farmers and for the food that we grow and eat. Donations of food have already started arriving, which we will pass on to the local charity 'Doorway' and we would welcome any others offerings from you.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support as we make our way through this challenging time.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee

IMPORTANT

May I remind all Key Stage 1 parents that when the bell rings for children to line up at 8.30am, you should stand right back to allow this to happen promptly. It has been noted that children cannot get into line as adults are blocking the way and these children are getting anxious and feel unsafe.

Please do not distract the Class teacher at this time, messages can be passed in through the office or please make an appointment to speak to the teacher at an appropriate time.

Remember we are a "device free zone" – your mobile phone should be put away when you enter the school site

PTA

Welcome to all parents and carers who are new to the school, and thank you to those who have contacted us about helping on the PTA this term. We will be holding a couple of general meetings soon, and hope to meet as many of you as possible. Look out for details next week!

St. Mary's PTA is a group of volunteer parents who work with the school to plan and organise regular discos, fetes, and other events throughout the year to raise valuable additional funds.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have taken the decision to postpone the parents' party and the 80s disco will no longer be going ahead. However, this does mean that we can focus our energies on more fun events for the children! Details coming soon...

For more information, visit the PTA section of the school website or contact us any time at: stmaryschippenhampta@gmail.com

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

- Nursery: Anotnio C for developing the confidence to speak to others during his play
- Class 1: Jasper C for showing good listening skills in phonics this week
- Class 2: Florence D for finding and recording ways to make 5 in maths
- Class 3: Bronwyn H for her bright smile and enthusiasm for learning
- Class 4: Darcey R for showing excellent effort and concentration in her writing
- Class 5: Madeline L for her positive learning attitude
- Class 6: Jacob Y for his have a go attitude
- Class 7: Jessica H for great attitude to learning in maths
- Class 8: Noah M for fantastic knowledge and explanations in RE
- Class 9: Isla B for a great attitude to her learning and for writing a computer code
- Class 10: Samuel M for finally demonstrating his full capabilities in maths

Headteacher's award: Emily Fielder